



RECREATIONAL USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSES  
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Period  
May 21, 2008 – August 31, 2008

**Spring Creek**  
**WBID #0657**

Class P  
Adair and Sullivan Counties

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To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov  
cc  
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Subject Spring Creek exemptions from bacterial standards

Douglas J. McKee, MD  
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Kansas City, MO 64113

John Hoke  
USS Coordinator, Water Protection Program  
PO Box 176  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Hoke,

I am writing concerning a recent article from *The Milan Standard* Thursday, July 3, 2008 regarding the possible exemption of Spring Creek from bacteria standards approved by the Missouri Clean Commission.

I would strongly object to any relaxation in the protection of this waterway that begins in Sullivan County and traverses into Adair County before entering the Chariton River near Novinger, Missouri. I had the fortune of growing up on a farm that borders this creek on both sides for several miles near Green Castle, Missouri. I spent untold hours swimming, camping and fishing in this creek as a young man and continue to use it when visiting my parents who still live on the farm. Currently, it is still used by parents and other family members, including young children who continue to live in the area.

Additionally, this creek is used by the community at numerous access points near public roads for fishing and recreational activities on a daily basis during the summer months. To allow the creek to be exempted from federal Clean Water Act protections would put all this at risk and make this public asset not only a potential eyesore, but a true health hazard. To allow raw sewage to be put into this creek is simply unimaginable. I feel it would be an extremely un-wise decision and a true loss for the area.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. McKee, MD

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To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov  
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Subject concerned about possible clean water exemption for Spring Creek

Diane Richmond  
709 E. Illinois St.  
Kirksville, MO 63501

John Hoke  
USS Coordinator, Water Protection Program  
PO Box 176  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Mr. Hoke,

I am writing concerning a recent article from *The Milan Standard* dated Thursday, July 3, 2008. The article references the possible exemption of Spring Creek from bacteria standards approved by the Missouri Clean Water Commission.

I am adamantly opposed to any relaxation of these standards for Spring Creek. The fact that any body of water in Missouri should be exempt from clean water standards is astounding to me in this day and age, but to find out it is being considered for Spring Creek in particular has me quite alarmed.

My parents have a farm on Spring Creek road, situated between Green Castle and Kirksville through which Spring Creek flows. My dad grew up there with his brothers and sister swimming, fishing and camping at the creek. Another generation later, my brother and I did the same, often bringing friends or cousins along. Now, I take my own children and their friends; in fact, my three kids - ages 8-10, were swimming in the creek this holiday weekend.

It is hard to imagine the detrimental effect raw sewage would have on this beautiful waterway. No longer being able to enjoy the creek in the manner my family has for generations would be a real loss, not only to us, but to the numerous people who fish, swim, hike and play along the creek throughout the year. I hate to think of the contamination and disease potential for families in the Green Castle, Novinger and other communities for miles along Spring Creek's banks.

Spring Creek empties into the Chariton River just outside of Kirksville - a much more highly populated area. Surely the Chariton is not exempt from those same clean water standards?

I work as an Instructional Designer at Truman State University and my husband is the

Residential Coordinator for the Adolescent Unit at Preferred Family Healthcare. We have lived most of our lives in this area and are deeply dedicated to this beautiful community. Please continue to protect Spring Creek and the many people who enjoy it.

Regards,  
--Diane Richmond

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2. (office) 660-785-4047
3. (home) 660-627-1506

Jerry Lee - catch me on the phone

1. (mobile) 660-341-5518 {text msg or call}
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## Stream Usage Survey

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To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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## Recreational Use of Your Stream

**Name:**

\_ Jim Oujiri \_ and \_ Susan Oujiri

**Address:** 66194 Little Road, Green Castle, MO 63544

**Phone Number:** ( 660) 874-4719

**E-mail address:**

jsoujiri@nemer.net

**Stream name:** \_\_\_ Spring Creek \_\_\_\_\_ **WBID** (if known):

What county is the stream in? \_\_\_ Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?

Yes \_X\_ No \_\_\_\_

How have you and your family used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

X-Swimming X -Playing X - Fishing X - Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving

Tubing Kayaking X - Canoeing X -Trapping Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone in your family, including children, ever used the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes X\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, how? \_\_All of the above

ways \_\_\_\_\_

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What stretches of the stream have your family used? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

We live just Northeast of Spring Creek on Highway D. This is approximately 5 ½ miles north of Green Castle, MO. Our land is just north of the creek, we have been using roundup ready crops for some time trying not to add to the pollution of the land. We hope that you will realize this creek is used for all kinds of water recreation and keep it safe for our generation, and our grandchildren.

Do you know of others using this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?  
 Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

How have others, to your knowledge, used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

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Signature \_\_Jim Oujiri and Susan Oujiri\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_July 25, 2008

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or **Fax:** 573-522-9920, or **Email:** john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

*Please use the back if you need more space to answer questions or to provide additional information or maps*

**Recreational Use of Your Stream**Name: Ann WalkerAddress: 21677 Potter Rd Kirksville MO 63501Phone Number: (660) 665-7532 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_Stream name: Spring WBID (if known): \_\_\_\_\_What county is the stream in? AdairHave you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?  
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**Recreational Use of Your Stream**

Name: James A Grgrich  
Address: 15041 State Highway O Novinger MO 63559  
Phone Number: (660) 488-6816 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stream name: Spring Creek WBID (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature James Grgrich Date 7-15-08

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Subject (No Subject)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to urge the Missouri Department of Natural Resources not to allow Spring Creek, near Green Castle Missouri, exemption from state bacteria standards. As a resident of Kirksville, Missouri, my family and I oftentimes go on outings to Spring Creek to fish and to wade and swim in the waters. Spring Creek and the surrounding area of Union ridge have a unique beauty. This is one of the few places in these parts where people can go to enjoy wadding and swimming in a clean stream. Unlike most Ozark streams, Spring Creek doesn't have a gravel bottom, so the water is usually muddy, but nevertheless very clean and alive with a variety of small fish and craydads. Because of this, and because of it's smaller size as compared to the Charitan River, our children find it an ideal place to explore. Please help keep Spring River a place where future generations can learn to wad, swim, and explore. Please uphold the state bacteria standards for Spring Creek.

Sincerely,

Terry Palmer





## Stream Usage Survey

1. Stream Name (Please enter the full name)

2. County (Please enter the county or counties where the use occurs)

3. City or Town (Please enter city or town closest to the area of use)

4. Where do you use the stream? If use occurs in multiple locations, please list them all below. (Please be specific so the location can be identified on a map, e.g., 9th Street Bridge, Anytown City Park, Quarter Section-Township-Range, Latitude/Longitude, etc).

5. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?  
☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #6 ☐ No If No, go to Question #11

6. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:  
☒ Swimming ☒ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

7. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

8. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:  
☐ Fishing ☒ Wading ☒ Boating ☐ Trapping

9. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

10. How many of these times did children wade or play in the stream?

11. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?  
☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #12 ☐ No If No, go to Question #17

12. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:  
☒ Swimming ☒ Tubing ☒ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

13. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

14. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:  
☒ Fishing ☒ Wading ☐ Boating ☒ Trapping

15. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

16. How many of these times did you observe or hear of children wading or playing in the stream?

17. Do you have additional comments you would like to provide the department regarding this stream?

18. In the event the department has questions, please provide the following contact information:

First Name:  Last Name:

Address 1:  Address 2:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

Phone Number: (  )  -  ext.  E-mail:

Thank you for taking time to complete our stream use survey. We appreciate your interest and involvement in protecting and preserving the quality of Missouri's waters. If you have questions or additional comments, please contact John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 526-1446, by e-mail at [cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov), or by mail at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176.





**John Hoke/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR**

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To Michael Kruse/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR@MODNR  
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Subject Fw: Stream Usage Survey Response

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To "John Hoke" <john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov>  
cc  
Subject Stream Usage Survey Response

Response from Quask form:

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StreamName:	Spring Creek
StreamCounty1:	Adair
FamilyRecreationYesNo:	Yes
FamilyRecreationActivity:	Swimming Tubing
FamilySecondaryActivity:	Wading Boating
StreamCity:	Green Castle
OthersRecreationYesNo:	Yes
StreamUseComments:	

	Morrow Township, T 63-64 N, R 17 W, Adair Co. One mile above and below the bridge on SpringCreek Road.
OthersRecreationActivity:	Swimming Tubing Snorkling/Skin Diving
FamilyRecreationUsePerYear:	10
FamilySecondaryUsePerYear:	20
FamilyChildrenUsePerYear:	15
OthersRecreationUsePerYear:	25
OthersSecondaryActivity:	Fishing Wading Trapping
OthersSecondaryUsePerYear:	60
OthersChildrenUsePerYear:	30
AdditionalComments:	We are very concerned about the safe use of Spring Creek . We also lease land to out-of-state hunters, and also MO. We also have a camp site below our house that is used by our children and grandchildren on the bank of the creek used some weekends during the summer. To allow aagencies and other facilities to release bacteria-laden water in Spring Creek would be unthinkable! People park their cars and fish from the bridge all summer.
ContactFirstName:	Kenneth James
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ContactAddress1:	13893 Spring Creek Road
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To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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Subject Spring Creek recommended for exemption from bacteria  
standards

As a 3rd generation family living in Adair Co on Spring Creek we are very concerned about Spring Creek in Sullivan Co being exempted from bacteria standards. We don't believe bacteria pollution with stop at the county line or at the Chariton River.

My husband and siblings grew up swimming, playing, and boating in the creek. Also relatives and friends joined in the fun.....

In 1975 and after our children, friends and relatives were also swimming in the creek. For the past 5 years our grandchildren are swimming, wading and playing about 800 feet north of the Spring Creek bridge on Spring Creek Road. We also have a camp site in this area. Hunters from PA, MN, FL, and MO lease our land and have access to the creek.

Neighbors, their friends and other teens also swim frequently around 600-800 feet north of the bridge. People fish from the bridge and at the edge of the water all summer. Last week a couple and a child were fishing.

July 2008 issue of the MO Conservationist has an article INTELLIGENT TINKERING, by Lynn Schrader. We don't believe that dropping bacteria standards is what he had in mind. Quoting from Mr. Shrader, "Proactive conversation efforts are less costly and more likely to succeed than restorative actions. History has shown us many times that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Spring Creek flows through Union Ridge and Shumaker conservation area and private lands.  
PLEASE KEEP OUR WATER SAFE

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Sarah  
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09/02/2008 07:45 AM

To John Hoke/WPCP/DEQ/MODNR@MODNR  
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Subject Fw: Spring Creek water quality

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To cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov  
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Subject Spring Creek water quality

We have previously filled out the stream usage survey for Spring Creek in Adair county and we are close to the Sullivan County line. We live on Spring Creek Road. Union Ridge is west of us and Shoemaker Conservation joins us on the east.

This summer has been like others in usage. Our grandchildren have been swimming, wading, and playing north of Spring Creek Road bridge. Some area teens have also been swimming near this area and we have observed people fishing at the bridge.

We are very concerned about the water quality.

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